



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

Press Release

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BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS SUMMARILY SUSPENDS LICENSES OF THREE PHYSICIANS AND ONE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

DIANE RUHL, P.A.-C

On May 27, 2010, the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners summarily suspended the physician assistant's license of Las Vegas physician assistant Diane Ruhl, P.A.-C. The Committee's action was based upon its belief that due to Ms. Ruhl's unlawful and continued pattern of writing prescriptions for controlled substances to individuals with whom she did not have a bona fide patient relationship, her recent admission to writing some of those prescriptions and the belief that she may be in possession of blank prescription pads, the health, safety and welfare of the public was at imminent risk of harm and summary suspension of Ms. Ruhl's license was necessary to remove that risk.

KARL FAZEKAS, M.D.

On May 26, 2010, the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners summarily suspended the medical license of Las Vegas physician Karl Fazekas, M.D. The action was based upon the Committee's belief that due to Dr. Fazekas' apparent pattern of inappropriate touching and conduct towards female patients, as evidenced by signed affidavits from two patients and the recent arrest of Dr. Fazekas for three criminal counts involving inappropriate conduct towards a female patient, the health, safety and welfare of the public was at imminent risk of harm and summary suspension of Dr. Fazekas' license was necessary to remove that risk.

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JOEL WASHINSKY, M.D.

On May 5, 2010, the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners summarily suspended the medical license of Las Vegas physician Joel Washinsky, M.D. The Committee's action was based upon its belief that due to Dr. Washinsky's continuing use of opiates without a prescription from a physician, as evidenced by positive hair and urine screens, his admitted use of benzodiazepines without a prescription and his alleged conduct of dispensing prescription drugs without a dispensing license, the health, safety and welfare of the public was at imminent risk of harm and summary suspension of Dr. Washinsky's license was necessary to remove that risk.

YVONNE BARRY, M.D.

On April 8, 2010, the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners summarily suspended the medical license of Las Vegas physician Yvonne Barry, M.D. The action was based upon the Committee's belief that due to Dr. Barry's known issues with drugs and/or alcohol and her continued pattern of non-compliance with her treatment contract and unwillingness to address her drug and/or alcohol problems, the health, safety and welfare of the public was at imminent risk of harm and summary suspension of Dr. Barry's license was necessary to remove that risk.

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